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HAI PHONG PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA
NORTH VIETNAM
2052N 10639E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS STRIKE DAMAGE TO THE
HAI PHONG PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA.

2. LOCATION:

THE PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA IS LOCATED AT
20-52-15N 106-39-32E, 2.2 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF HAI PHONG.

3. STRIKE INFORMATION:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
JUNE 1966 AT LEAST FIFTEEN MISSIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED
AGAINST APPROXIMATELY TEN POL INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH
VIETNAM. THIS ACTION CULMINATED ON 29 JUNE IN THE
BOMBING OF TWO OF NORTH VIETNAM'S MAJOR FUEL INSTALLATIONS
AT HAI PHONG AND HA NOI. THE TWO STORAGE AREAS HIT
REPORTEDLY ACCOUNT FOR SIXTY PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S
POL RESERVES, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION
WOULD CUT STORES TO A SIX-WEEK SUPPLY.

INITIAL REPORTS FOR 29 JUNE INDICATE THAT THE
HAI PHONG POL FACILITIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY STRUCK BY

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SIXTEEN NAVY AIRCRAFT. NO SHIPS WERE REPORTEDLY IN THE TARGET AREA. EARLY REPORTS STATE THAT THERE WAS NO MIG REACTION TO THE STRIKE AND ALL AIRCRAFT WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.

ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF THIRTY-THREE 7.25-INCH ROCKETS, TWENTY-FOUR 1000-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS, AND NINETY-NINE 250-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

4. MISSION READOUTS:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE HAI PHONG PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA ON THE NORTHWEST EDGE OF HAI PHONG ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CUA CAM (DISTRIBUTARY). THE INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF THREE AREAS CONTAINING TWELVE, TEN, AND EIGHT VERTICAL TANKS, RESPECTIVELY. A BUNKERING PIER AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS SERVE THE AREA.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS DENSE BLACK SMOKE RISING FROM THE ENTIRE TARGET AREA. THE THREE BUNKERING PIERS ALL APPEAR TO BE INTACT AND SERVICEABLE. SMOKE AND FIRE PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION; HOWEVER, FIELD READOUT OF THIS MISSION REVEALED THE INSTALLATION TO CONSIST OF THREE BUNKERING PIERS AND TWO POL STORAGE

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AREAS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE CENTER BUNKERING
PIER. THE FIRST AREA CONSISTED OF TEN CYLINDRICAL TANKS
AND THREE HORIZONTAL TANKS; THE SECOND AREA CONSISTED
OF FIVE LARGE TANKS, THREE MEDIUM TANKS, THREE SMALL
TANKS, AND THREE SMALL HORIZONTAL TANKS.



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3. BACKGROUND:

FIELD READOUT OF JUNE 1966, REVEALS HAI PHONG PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA TO CONSIST OF THREE BUNKERING PIERS AND TWO POL STORAGE AREAS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE CENTER BUNKERING PIER. THE FIRST AREA CONSISTS OF TEN CYLINDRICAL TANKS AND THREE HORIZONTAL TANKS. THE SECOND AREA CONSISTS OF FIVE LARGE TANKS, THREE MEDIUM TANKS, THREE SMALL TANKS, AND THREE SMALL HORIZONTAL TANKS.

4. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JUNE 1966, AT LEAST FIFTEEN MISSIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST APPROXIMATELY TEN

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INITIAL REPORTS FOR 29 JUNE INDICATE THAT THE HAI PHONG POL FACILITIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY STRUCK BY 16 NAVY AIRCRAFT. A REPORT BY A PHOTORECONNAISSANCE PILOT ESTIMATED OVER 80 PER CENT COVERAGE WITH MUSHROOM CLOUD TO 20,000 FT COVERING OVER 50 SQUARE MILES. NO SHIPS WERE REPORTEDLY IN THE TARGET AREA. EARLY REPORTS STATE THAT THERE WAS NO MIG REACTION TO THE STRIKE AND ALL AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY.

5. STRIKE DATA:

STRIKE DATA REPORTS U.S. AIRCRAFT STRUCK HAI PHONG PETROLEUM STORAGE AREA ON 29 JUNE 1966. THE FOLLOWING ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED: THIRTY-THREE 7.25-INCH ROCKETS, TWENTY-FOUR 1000-POUND, AND NINETY-NINE 250-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

6. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS THE HAI PHONG PETRO-

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LEUM STORAGE AREA ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF HAI PHONG ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CUA CAM (ESTUARY) . THE AREA CONTAINS TWELVE, TEN, AND EIGHT VERTICAL TANKS, RESPECTIVELY. A BUNKERING PIER AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS SERVE THE AREA.

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